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1. VICTOR ALLARD, BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN HAVANA AND COUSIN
OF BEATRICE LUNT, GAVE US HIS VIEWS ON LUNT CASE, AS FOLLOWS.

2. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ABSOLUTELY NO LEVERAGE TO USE
IN SEEKING THE RELEASE OF U.S. CITIZEN LAWRENCE LUNT, HUSBAND
OF A BELGIAN CITIZEN. CUBAN VICE PREMIER CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ
MADE THIS POINT CLEAR DURING VISIT TO CUBA LAST SUMMER OF
BELGIAN MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE TOUSSAINT, AND HAS REPEATED
IT TO ALLARD A NUMBER OF TIMES SINCE. ACCORDING TO ALLARD,
THE CONSTANT RAISING OF LUNT ISSUE BY VISITING U.S. SENATORS
AND REPRESENTATIVES - THE MOST RECENT BEING SENATOR HASKELL FROM
LUNT'S BROTHER'S HOME STATE OF COLORADO - ALL BRIEFED AND EGGED
ON BY LUNT FAMILY LAWYER JOHN WAINWRIGHT, HAS TURNED LUNT CASE INTO
100 PERCENT U.S. SHOW. AS A RESULT, LUNT'S RELEASE WILL HAVE
TO AWAIT THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS, AND CARLOS
RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ HAS TOLD ALLARD THAT THE "POLITICAL COST"
OF LUNT'S RELEASE WILL BE HIGH. ALLARD ADMITTED THAT THERE HAD
BEEN SOME GLIMMER OF HOPE IN TALKS INITIATED BY HOUSE STAFFER
PAT HOLT LAST YEAR BUT THIS WAS WIPED OUT BY BEGINNING OF
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ANGOLAN INVOLVEMENT OF CUBAN.

2. ALLARD VISITS LUNT EVERY 30-45 DAYS AND ON MOST RECENT
TRIP FOUND LUNT "BETTER FED" THAN THERETOFORE, WHICH LED ALLARD
TO SPECULATE THAT CUBANS MAY HAVE SOME UNDISCLOSED REASON TO
HAVE THEIR PRISONER APPEAR IN GOOD SHAPE. RENNER

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